

ORIENTAL JUGGLERS.

Acts Performed by Chinese and East Indian Magicians.

"During a trip through the far east I was much impressed with the wonderful feats performed by some of the Chinese and Indian jugglers and sleight of hand artists," said a Chicago man the other day. "In American theaters we see some skillful work along these lines, but the performer is usually at a considerable distance from the spectators and could employ many aids that the orientals do not use.

"I have seen Chinese and Indian magicians come on board a ship and in the center of a circle of passengers perform tricks that are little short of marvelous. For instance, one of the Chinese would ask a spectator to place a coin in the latter's hand. The Chinaman would close the fingers one after another over the piece of money and then, by passing his hands over the closed fist of his 'subject,' would in some mysterious manner extract the coin. I have had this trick worked on me a number of times, and I am no nearer to knowing how it is done than I was the first time.

"I have seen an Indian magician come out on deck, place a small seed on the planks, pour a little water over it, cover with a small cloth for a moment and then remove the cloth to disclose a living plant a foot or more high. These fellows do not wear long, baggy sleeves in which a piano might almost be concealed, but have bare arms. There is said to be a clan of jugglers, among whom the secrets of the craft are jealously preserved and handed down from father to son."—Detroit Free Press.

DRESSED SEALSKIN.

The Way This Beautiful Fur Is Brought to Perfection.

If a lady's sealskin jacket is compared with the coarse, hard or dyed sealskin as imported, or still better, with the coat of the living fur seal, one is struck with the vast difference between them.

Passing our fingers among the hairs of the cat or dog, we may notice fine short hairs at the roots of the longer, coarser general covering of the animal. This is so called under fur. But in the greater number of these animals the short hairs are so few and often so fine as to be, comparatively speaking, lost sight of among what to our eyes constitutes the coat.

The operation which the skin undergoes to bring out, so to say, the fur, may be briefly described as follows:

The skin, after being washed to rid it of grease and so forth, is laid flat on the stretch, flesh side up. A flat knife is then passed across the flesh substance, thinning it to a very considerable extent. In doing this, the blade severs the roots of the long strong hairs, which penetrate the skin deeper than do the soft, delicate ones under the fur. The rough hairs are then got rid of while the fur retains its hold.

A variety of subsidiary manipulations, in which the pelt is softened and preserved, are next gone through, and then the fur undergoes a process of drying which produces that deep uniform tint so well known and admired.

Von Bulow's Rebuke.

It so happened that two ladies were making their way to their seats at the very moment Von Bulow finished his introduction of the first movement of Beethoven's "Sonata Pathetic." This so irritated him that he purposely commenced the allegro at such an absurdly slow pace as to make the quavers in the bass correspond exactly to the time of the ladies' footsteps. As may be imagined, they felt on thorns and hurried on as fast as they could, while Von Bulow accelerated his tempo in sympathy with their increasing pace.—Barnett's Musical Reminiscences.

Debt Owed to Antiquity.

Are we indebted to antiquity? Yes, immensely. It is the labor, the experience, even the failures of ancestors, that have placed us where we are. We still repeat many of their mistaken experiments which they thought wise. It was tentative effort with them, though mistaken, and they did the best they knew. But on the whole, the world is doing well. Its chief debt to antiquity is in the lessons it has learned through which it avoids or may avoid repetition of old errors and absurdities.—Portland Oregonian.

A Diplomat.

Mrs. Clumber—My dear, Mrs. Hishup has had her portrait painted by a celebrated artist, and I haven't a thing but a common, ordinary, everyday photograph to show. Husband (in wise man): The idea of advertising to the world that her complexion is so bad that it won't stand the camera! Mrs. Clumber—Well, that's true.

She Was Careful.

Spots.—That old maid, Miss Van Shelf, is the most careful and methodical boarding mistress I have ever had. Distributing my den. Socrates.—Yes; I can imagine when she goes to heaven she will want in summer time to lay away her wings in camphor balls.

Light Restored.

"There are many more women living than I used to think."

"Is that so?"

"Yes. Before I married I used to think my wife was the only woman in the world."

Illuminated.

Benedick—That luminous point is a splendid thing. Singleton—What do you use for it? Benedick—We paint the baby's face, so we can give him a drink in the night without lighting the gas.

SERIOUS, YET FUNNY

UNCONSCIOUS HUMOR THAT HELPS TO PUT SPICE IN LIFE.

Some Examples of Delightful Incapacities in Speaking, Writing and Painting That Appeal Strongly to the Sense of the Ridiculous.

Nothing has added more to the merriment of the world than the unintentional, unconscious humor of writers, public speakers and, in fact, all classes and conditions of men and women. And there is none so delightful. It far exceeds in mirth provoking quality the cold blooded humor of the professional wits.

We Americans are a fun loving people, and we must and will have our joking. Some one has said with certain truth: "With all our vanity, energy and earnestness, we are not a dull, cheerless people. Sour faced fellows, yellow and dyspeptic, are to be met with in our cars and on our streets, but they are not the type of the American, for he is as ready for a laugh as for a speculation, as fond of a joke as an office."

And the joke is all the more enjoyable when it is spontaneous. The greater the stress and strain of life the greater the need and demand for humor, and no one deprecates the value of humor excepting those who have none of this good gift to their portion. "Samsel" Cox, one of the wittiest men of his day, says in his book, "Why We Laugh": "Eliminate from the literature and conduct of any one people the amusing and the amused faculty, and you produce a sterility as dull and uninteresting as the chuders and ashes of the volcanic fields of Iceland. But in the amusing element within the experience and history of mankind, and no description of innumerable, such as grapes, olives, nectarine and orange, such as the vales of Portugal a perennial smile is adequate to emphasize the contrast."

One could not well instance a more amusing blunder than that in a painting of the "Blessed Virgin" in an old church in Spain. In this painting the Virgin is represented as sitting on a red velvet sofa fondling a cat with one hand, while with the other she is pouring coffee from a silver coffee pot.

This is as amusing as a painting in a German church representing the sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham. In this painting Abraham is about to discharge a huge pistol at Isaac when an angel descends and pours a pitcher of water on the pan of the pistol, thereby saving Isaac.

The writer once saw a crude painting of King Herod with a pair of spectacles painted on his nose. There is a very old painting of St. Peter denying the Saviour, and several of the Roman soldiers in the background have pipes in their mouths.

Those who are on the lookout for them will find many amusing blunders in the daily papers and in periodicals of all kinds. It was but the other day that the writer saw Miss Fanny Crosby referred to in a religious paper as the "author of so many blind poems." And it was a great metropolitan daily that one morning gave its readers the following information regarding the wrecking of a ship the night before: "The captain swam ashore and succeeded in saving the life of his wife. She was insured in the Northern Marine Insurance company and carried a cargo of cement."

Equally amusing as an instance of unconscious humor was the statement made by another paper regarding the capsizing of a boat at sea. It said that "but one life was lost, and that was found afterward."

He must be sadly deficient in humor who does not find himself amused by a sign like the following seen in the window of a shoemaker: "Any respectable man, woman or child can have a fit in this shop." It was an enterprising furrier who placed a card in his window stating that for the benefit of the ladies he would make "muffs, boas, etc., out of their own skins."

A profile source of amusement to manuscript readers is the surprising way in which aspirants for literary honor and glory often "put things." We find one young woman saying of her heroine: "The countess fell back in a deadly swoon. When she revived her spirit had fled."

Another young writer places her heroine in a very perilous situation and then says of her, "Her lips quivered; her cheeks grew pale; her breath came in short pants."

A third writer gives this amusing description of the appearance of some one she referred to as "the bell of the ball": "She was clad in some soft, clinging, deely, vapory stuff of purest white that gave the appearance of a bit of detached cloud floating in the sky. She wore no ornament with the exception of several lots of rare bracelets gathered in a foreign clime."

A charming bit of purely unconscious humor was that noticed by some visitors to a great English coal mine. At the mouth of the great central shaft hundreds of feet deep was a placard bearing these words:

"Please do not tumble down the shaft."—Detroit Free Press.

Market Rate.

Some of these big magazine editors are humorous at times. In response to this inquiry from an amateur, "What does poetry bring in New York?" one of them replied: "We have no regular prices, but if you ship it in crates or carloads we believe that you can realize 1 1/2 cents a pound for it."

He is great who is what he is from nature and who never reminds us of others.—Emerson.

HANDLING A TIGER.

How a Turkoman Subdued a Snarling, Angry Man Eater.

"In a cage near the room in which I lived while in Khiva," says Langdon Warner in the Century Magazine, "was a tiger from the Oxus swamps. He had taken a dislike to me, and every time I passed his cage he got up and paced angrily toward me, snarling."

"Into the cage of this beast, at the command of the prince, a Turkoman stepped, armed with a short stick as big round as his wrist. With this stick he struck the tiger's nose as he made for him, and then, with palms out and eyes fixed, he walked slowly up to the snarling beast and stroked his face and flank."

"The tiger snarled and took the man's hand in his open mouth. I held my breath and looked for the bleeding stump to fall away; but, keeping that hand perfectly still, with the other he tickled the tiger's jaw and scratched his ear till with a yawn and a pleased snarl the big cat rolled over on his back to have his belly scratched."

"The man then sank to his knees, always keeping his hands in motion over the glossy fur, and with his foot drew toward him a collar attached to a chain. This he snapped round the tiger's neck and, rising to his feet, held both of the chain and dragged the tiger out."

"This was only the second time that the cage had been entered. As soon as the tiger was outside he espied the watching party and started for them, but came up short on the collar. If he had chosen to use his weight and strength so four of them could have held him, but as it was the Turkoman found little difficulty with him and held him, snarling, while a camera was snapped."

THE STAR MIRA.

A Sun of Great Size That Is Struggling For Existence.

For the greater part of the time the variable Mira, which has been known to astronomers for 300 years, is altogether unnoticeable and indeed invisible, except with telescopes. It once disappeared entirely for a period of four years, but afterward attained extraordinary splendor, only to fade again to invisibility. It is a sun of great size, brighter than our sun when it shines at its brightest, but some trouble, some solar disease, seems to be sapping its vitality, and it resembles a patient almost at the last gasp. Once in about 331 days—but the period is irregular—it has a sudden accession of energy and flares up for a little while with several hundredfold brilliancy only to sink back into a dull red point that nearly escapes the ken of the telescope. One interesting explanation that has been suggested is that the surface of Mira periodically bursts into a vast field of burning hydrogen, so great and powerful that it is visible across millions of millions of miles of space. It is a star for the imagination of a Dante, yet there is reason to believe that the time is coming when every star in the sky, not excepting the sun, will have to confront a similar struggle for existence, just as every mortal being must some time see death.—Garrett P. Service in New York American.

What He Wanted.

"How will you have your hair cut, sir?" said the talkative barber to the victim in the chair.

"Minus conversational prolixity," replied the patient.

"How's that, sir?"

"With abbreviated or totally eliminated narrations."

"What?"

"Without superfluous verbosity. Let even diminutive colloquy be conspicuous by its absence."

The barber scratched his head thoughtfully a second and then went over to the proprietor of the shop and whispered, "I don't know whether that man in my chair is mad or a foreigner, but I can't find out what he wants."

The victim had to explain that he wanted the job done in silence.

Strange Fog Sign.

When fogs prevail in Boston harbor, the attention of passengers on the Nantasket Beach line of steamers is attracted by a faint metallic sound which might be mistaken for the sound of a bell. But it is not the clanging of a bell which the passengers hear. Suddenly through the mist there appears ahead, like a specter, a large tripod, from the apex of which is suspended a big steel triangle. It is this which causes the strange sound and signals vessels as to how to guide their course through the difficult channel of the fog.

A Line on Her Age.

"Oh," gasped the beautiful woman as she fell back, clutching at her heart, and permitting the telegram to flutter to the floor.

Her fashionable guests rushed forward, crying:

"What is it? Has your husband met with an accident?"

"No, no," she moaned. "It is from my son-in-law. I am a grandmother!"

The Alteration He Wanted.

"Customer—Yes; I like this suit. I suppose you will make any alterations I may require free. Tailor—Oh, yes, sir; certainly. Customer—Very well then. Just alter the price from 14 to 22 and I'll take it with me.—London Tit-Bits.

To do the wise thing at all times and under all circumstances is difficult—yes, impossible; but to make a fool of one's self is as easy as rolling off a log.—Springfield Republican.

Reub Hcan Campaign Text-Book

A departure has been made in the Republican Campaign Text-Book just issued, in that its contents are wholly devoted to live issues, and these are treated in the briefest possible way, yet comprehensively enough to include all necessary facts and figures.

First, there is a general statement of the issues of 1906, followed by a brief review of Republican legislation in general and the work of the Fifty-ninth Congress in particular. The Railroad Rate Law, Pure Food Law, Free Alcohol Law, Employers' Liability Law and the Meat Inspection portion of the Agricultural Appropriation Law are given in full, as is Chairman Tawney's clear explanation of the appropriations.

The Labor question is next fully presented, followed by Representative Watson's exposition of Anti-Trust proceedings. About one hundred pages are given to the Tariff, Agriculture and Manufactures, and the tables showing the various phases of industrial activity. Among other subjects treated under the tariff are:

Protection and Free Trade, Customs Revenue, Foreign Commerce, Home Market and Internal Trade, Wages and Prices, Export Discounts, Reciprocity, Free Hides, Revision, etc., etc.

Some half hundred tables give official and authoritative figures down to the latest possible date. The work of the president and administration is then briefly presented, the condition and status of the Philippines, the Panama Canal, the Navy, Postal Service, Irrigation, etc., etc.

The President's letter to Representative Watson concludes the work, which has a copious index of over a dozen pages.

Scattered throughout the book are quotations from President Roosevelt and other Republican leaders. Among these is the extract from Senator Hanna's speech where he used the "stand pat" expression, it being the only instance in the Text-Book where the words "stand pat" are used. A page is given to Mr. Bryan and his view, with the comments of the New York World. A so-called "Prosperity Forecast" is added, giving treasury conditions, trade reports, etc., down to August 1.

For the first time in a political campaign, the Text-Book will have a general circulation, as together with other literature, it will be sent on receipt of one dollar by John C. Everman, Assistant Treasurer, 1137 Broadway, New York.

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Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

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